

CAN

Collaborative Area Network
Thursday, December 5, 2013, 3:00pm
Town Hall, Conference Room B

DRAFT – Minutes

Present: Anne Bladen, Chelsea Burns, Lisa Dahn, Susan Daley, Sarah Delia (staff), Cindy Guerreri (GMF Liaison), Kathleen Krider (staff), Rachel Leclerc (staff), Kate Vallo and Lisa Young

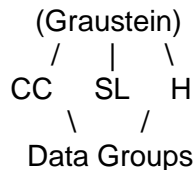
Guests: Amy Sevell-Nelson, Facilitator

Kathleen Krider called the meeting to order at 3:10pm.

Amy Sevell-Nelson reviewed the discussion from the last meeting.

- MAC – CAN – SR
 - Who does what?
 - Based on what?
 - Do we want to change to MOEC (Mansfield Office of Early Childhood)?
 - Should we re-structure meetings?
 - Should we revise the structure?

- SR → MAC → CAN



Funding

SR funded by OEC

MAC funded by Graustein (GMF) – private

CHDI (Children's Fund) – private-ish

SDE (CT State Department of Education) – public

Town of Mansfield – public

Purpose of:	Who and What:	Mandates:
School Readiness	3-5 year olds Child care subsidies Mansfield residents	Grant Accreditation criteria Legislative mandate
MAC	Advisory Committee comprised of: Parents EC Professionals (Birth – 8, public & private) Business Partners UConn BOE Town of Mansfield	SR Mandate GMF requires MAC
MAC Subcommittees Outcome of Mansfield Plan for Young Children (updated August 2013)	SR is a work group of SL (Successful Learners) Looks at data to measure Literacy levels and gaps (K-	GMF/SDE/CF Mandate

	Gr. 3) incl: Mastery tests (Gr. 3) K Inventory Unmet Needs of Infants, Toddlers, Preschool % of Kindergartners w/ PR-K (SDE data)	
CAN*	Ages 3-5 years (Not K eligible) ~Early Childhood Centers and Public Pre-school ~To do 'outreach' in Town to find pre-school age kids who may need developmental screens or evaluations ~Offer Special Ed services ~Function as a Pre-referral/case review/strategy group with child specific, anonymous data. ~Ongoing, share, learn, networking	Child Find IDEA

*This is no longer an effective, efficient, necessary function of CAN. There is a Department of Special Education referral process that fulfills this function.

- 1) How are we doing?
- 2) What else do we need to do for those who are struggling?
- 3) How will we know that what we are doing is making a difference?

Summary

MAC

- Advisory Committee (or Advocacy Committee)
- SL
- H
- CC
- Data Groups

CAN

- **Will no longer function as a pre-referral child specific strategy group.**

Next Steps

- Should we be CAN or MOEC?
- Prioritize – select 1, 2, 3 Projects to collaboratively work on from October 28 meeting and Mansfield Plan.

Announcements

Cindy Guerri mentioned that there is TA (technical assistance) money available (\$2400 each year); these funds are replenished each calendar year, which will begin again in January.

Cindy also informed the attendees that there is a 3 to 3 program available, with registration in January, a small fee is charged.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21pm.